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COMPRISING A THREADED SLEEVE, A
COUNTER-SLEEVE AND A TERMINAL
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Sir:

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Pursuant to Pre-Official Gazette Notice signed July 11, 2003 waiving the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. documents have not been included. Copies of all other cited references are enclosed.

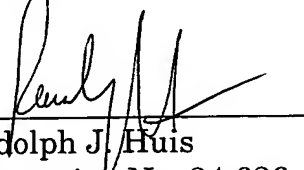
Several of the references enclosed were cited in the International Search Report, copy enclosed, in the corresponding International Application. Of the non-English language references cited, EP 05 528 233 corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,378,027, which is listed on the PTO-1449 form.

DE 299 08 267, EP 05 28 233 and WO 02/0 43 211 were cited in the examination report from the German priority application 202 11 333.7, copy enclosed. Each of these references was cited as Category A (technological background).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AA	5,378,027	01/1995	Peter Gehring			
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